

REMARKS

1. Applicant has amended the claims to conform to USPTO practice.

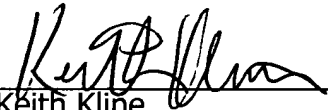
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests reconsideration of any current rejections or objections, and solicits allowance of the present claims at an early date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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